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AZERBAIDZHAN OIL TRUSTS MEET QUARTER PLAN;  
KUZYENEV OIL OUTPUT TO INCREASE

AZERBAIJZHAN ENTERPRISES COMPLETE QUARTER PLAN -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 62,  
 30 Mar 49

The first-quarter plan has been fulfilled by the "Kirovabadneft", "Siazan'neft", "Nefteohalaneft", "Stalinnest", "Buzovnyneft", and "Ergezneft" petroleum trusts in Azerbaydzhan SSR.

Workers of the Azerbaydzhan Railroad line have fulfilled the first-quarter plan for loading and transporting petroleum.

Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 79, 23 Apr 49

Sh. Mamed Zade, manager of the "Stalinnest" Trust, has reported that the Trust as a whole completed the 1949 first-quarter plan. During the first 3 months of 1949, profits amounted to 6,596,000 rubles above the plan and 1,965,000 rubles were released for the State budget.

Trud, No 91, 19 Apr 49

Workers and engineers of "Stalinnest", leading trust in Azerbaydzhan, have put 62 idle petroleum wells into operation and have extracted thousands of tons of petroleum above the plan.

Workers of Zolnenskiy and Yablonskiy petroleum fields have exceeded the plan for petroleum extraction.

Pravda, No 115, 25 Apr 49

A new all-Union record for high-speed oil-well drilling has been set by a brigade of the "Buzovnyneft'" Petroleum Trust, Buzovny, Azerbaydzhan SSR. A 1,898-meter shaft

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was sunk in 74 hours, as compared with the normal average of 899 meters per 2 hours for this depth. During the operation the average drilling speed was 3,654 meters per machine per month. Foreman of the brigade was Aleksey Orlov, Hero of Socialist Labor and winner of a Stalin prize.

**PETROLEUM REFINING CRITICIZED -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 64, 2 Apr 39**

The petroleum refining industry of Azerbaydzhani SSR has pledged to realize 10 million rubles of profits above plan in 1949. The first two months' operation in 1949 indicated that several enterprises of the industry have improved considerably. The enterprises imeni V. Sturua and imeni Andreyev are successfully completing their pledges and have decreased production losses. Losses in the refining shops of the plant imeni Stalin, however, are still in excess of the planned amount. Acceleration of working-capital turnover and increase in above-plan accumulations and profits are being delayed by the unsatisfactory work of the Azerbaydzhani Administration of "Glavneftesbyt" (Main Administration of Petroleum Sales) and the Main Administration of Sales of the Ministry of the Petroleum Industry who are slowing down the transport of petroleum products.

**KHYBYSHEV WORKERS MAKE PLEDGES -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 20, 30 Jan 49**

In comparison with 1947, petroleum workers of Khybyshev Oblast raised the production of petroleum 29 percent in 1948, increased the production of petroleum products 10 percent, produced 20 percent more gas, and increased construction 130 percent. Labor productivity was raised 5.7 percent in construction. However, the construction tasks in new petroleum fields and plants were not completely carried out.

Petroleum workers of Khybyshev Oblast have taken upon themselves the following obligations for 1949:

To fulfill the 1949 petroleum plan and produce an additional 30,000 tons of petroleum.

To produce 11 million cubic meters of gas above the plan.

To produce 20,000 tons of gasoline above the plan.

To raise, by 50 percent, the delivery of gas to the city of Khybyshev.

To increase by 42 percent the speed of oil-well drilling in 1949 as against 1948.

To finish by 25 December 1949 the year plan for construction and assembly works.

To finish by 25 December 1949 the year plan for construction of housing and to put into use 57,000 square meters of living space.

To raise labor productivity 5 percent above planned for extraction of oil and gas and oil-well drilling and 3 percent for construction.

To reduce the cost of production of a ton of petroleum and gas by 3 percent, of a meter of drilling by 2 percent, of petroleum products by 3 percent, and of construction works by 1 percent.

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